

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI
June 18, 1952

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, June 18, 1952; Councilmen Rinn, Richey, Robinson, Preszler and Haskell (Mayor) present; none absent.

Councilman Robinson requested that the minutes of the May 21st meeting be corrected by the addition of the words "at this time" to the sentence relating to the subject of the rezoning of the Bockenheim property. The corrected sentence (p. 96, Vol. 8) should read, "The Commission further recommended against any further extension of the commercial zone easterly at this time". The minutes were then approved as written and amended.

COMMUNICATIONS

DRIVEWAY PERMIT SUPER MOLD CORP.	From Super Mold Corporation of Lodi requesting a permit to construct a sixteen foot driveway at the north end of their property abutting on Daisy Avenue and another sixteen foot driveway on the west side abutting on North School Street. Contemplated improvements include an off-street parking area for their employees. Motion granting permit by Councilman Rinn, seconded by Councilman Preszler, was passed.
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FIRE DEPT. COMMENDATION	Letter from Chief Jay W. Stevens, Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee, International Association of Fire Chiefs, commending Lodi Fire Chief George D. Polenske and his department for making "great headway and some outstanding results" during the recent fire prevention campaign was read to the Council. Mayor Haskell added his commendation on behalf of the Council and requested that the contents of the letter be made known to Chief Polenske and members of the Fire Department. The City Manager reported that this had already been done.
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I.C.M.A. CONFERENCE	Letter to the City Council from the International City Managers' Association requesting that the City of Lodi be represented at the 38th Annual Conference of the I.C.M.A. at Kanasa City, September 28 to October 2, 1952, by City Manager Weller. Mr. Weller stated that whereas he felt last year that the previous year's program did not warrant his attendance, he has since learned that last year's program was very worthwhile. Councilman Robinson moved that Mr. Weller be authorized to use his own discretion in the matter of attendance this year, Rinn second. Motion passed.
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. 458 VACATION ARMORY ALLEY INTRODUCED	At this time the Mayor declared the meeting open under the above head for the reception of protests against the vacation of the alley behind the Armory. There being no objections, it was moved and seconded that Ordinance No. 458, entitled "ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK SIX, LAWRENCE HOMESTEAD ADDITION", be introduced. The motion was passed.
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ORD. 460
INTRODUCED
ZONING
42ND ADDITION

As the next order of business, the Mayor called for public hearings in relation to the initial zoning of the 42nd Addition as recommended by the City Planning Commission at the May 21 meeting of the Council. There being no protests, Ordinance No. 460, entitled "AMENDING THE ZONE DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI BY ADDING THERETO THE '42ND ADDITION, SOUTH OF LODI BARNHART TRACT AND WEST OF CHEROKEE LANE' AND ZONING AND CLASSIFYING THE LOTS THEREIN", was introduced. This ordinance provides for a strip 200 feet wide along Kettleman Lane and 220 feet wide along Cherokee Lane in the Commerical Zone. All of the remaining property in the Addition is to be in the One and Two Family Zone. The ordinance also provides for a set-back on the south side of Kettleman Lane 100 feet from the center line of the street. The motion was seconded and passed.

BUDGET FOR
1952-53
FISCAL YEAR

DISCUSSION
WAGE
INCREASES

Mr. Weller opened the discussion of the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952. He explained that the proposed budget showed an increase of \$123,000 over that of the previous year; however, there would be no increase in tax rate. Mr. Harry Brown, City Line Foreman, inquired as to whether a decision had been reached on the employees' salary increase, and if so, whether the increase was included in the proposed budget. Upon being informed by Mr. Weller that the budget contemplated a one-step increase or approximately 5.3%, Mr. Brown introduced Mr. Alfred M. Hansen, Business Agent for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245, and requested that he be allowed to speak on behalf of a group of City employees. Mr. Hansen protested the proposed increase as being inadequate. He further stated that the wages in the City of Lodi were substantially lower than those paid to employees in cities of comparable size in this area, that the increase did not compare favorably with the increases given to State employees and other municipalities throughout the State and on the Pacific Coast, particularly where non-clerical employees were concerned. Mr. Weller replied that to his knowledge the State was granting 5% across-the-board, and that the 5% increase appeared to be in line with the proposed increases in other municipalities in this area. He went on to say that the criterion used by the City to set wages was the amounts paid by other cities of the same size in the same general area, and the wages paid locally, excluding the construction trades, and that any increase should be granted on an across-the-board basis because the City had recently spent a sum of money to conduct a survey by the State Personnel Board to bring the salaries in line throughout the City. Councilman Robinson observed that the increase is also contingent upon the ability of the City to pay, and that outlook for the grape crop this year is such that there is no indication that the taxpayers can stand any further increases. Mr. Rinn submitted that the Council is also trustee of the taxpayers' funds and has an equal responsibility to be afir to the taxpayers. Mr. Hansen then inquired as to whether the Council would reconsider the question of wage increases if he were able to show that the City was out of line with comparable municipalities. It was agreed that when Mr. Hansen was prepared to show information gained from comparable

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ORD. 461
INTRODUCED
ADOPTING
BUDGET

cities, comparable job classifications, and relating to actual increases granted, rather than proposed, the City Manager would be willing to review and consider the figures submitted. The appropriation ordinance was introduced by title, Ordinance No. 461, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF LODI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1952, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1953", on motion from Councilman Rinn. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

SPECIFICATION
LEGAL ADVER-
TISING

Specifications for the publication of legal notices were approved on motion of Councilman Rinn, Robinson second.

AWARD
STREET
MATERIALS

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1682 awarding the contract for plant mix to Claude C. Wood Company and the contract for emulsified asphalt to the Lodi Asphalt Service, the lowest responsible bidders, was introduced by Mr. Rinn, seconded by Mr. Friesler. Motion carried.

AWARD
OILS AND
GREASES

The City Manager reported that in the case of the bids on the oils and greases the Toaky Oil Company appeared to be low on two of the three items by a small amount, but the extent of the difference could not be determined because the amounts of the produce to be purchased was just an approximation. In addition, the bid of the Tokay Oil Company was not firm. The bid of the Signal Oil Company, low on one item, was recommended as being firm. Motion to award the contract to the Signal Oil Company by Resolution No. 1683 was made by Councilman Robinson, second Rinn. Motion carried.

AWARD
COMPRESSOR

Edward R. Bacon Company was awarded the contract for the sale of a 75 cu.ft. Jaeger Air Compressor to the City on the adoption of Resolution No. 1684 on the motion of Councilman Richey.

AWARD
FIRE
ENGINE

It was explained that the bid of \$17,130.50 for a fire engine pumper by the American LaFrance Corporation included a proposed O.P.S. increase; if the request is rejected, the price to the City will be reduced by the amount of the request. Resolution No. 1685 awarding the contract for the purchase to the American LaFrance Corporation was adopted by unanimous vote.

AWARD
FIRE HOSE

Award of the contract for 1,000 feet of fire hose was made to the American Rubber Company, the only bid received in conformance with the duly adopted specifications. Award was made by Resolution No. 1686.

POLICY
CLARIFICATION
STREET
IMPROVEMENT

A memorandum from the City Engineer requesting a clarification of policy was read. The question involved the policy of the City Council regarding the requirements of street improvement by subdividers and developers, to wit: "Present City policy requires a subdivider or developer to raise one-half of an existing abutting street to required standards. The other half of the street is to be improved by abutting properties on the other side. Does this policy cover streets which have been put in to required standards at some prior date?" The City Engineer suggested

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that it would not be fair to assess abutting properties already developed that at one time had met existing policies. On a motion by Councilman Rinn, second Richey, it was moved and passed that the City Manager clarify the policy incorporating the suggestion of the City Engineer and submit the clarified policy to the Council at a later date for adoption.

STREET
SURFACING
REQUIREMENTS

A recommendation from the City Engineer that the policy setting requirements for surfacing streets in new subdivisions be amended to include a .15 gallon maximum per square yard of seal coat of an asphaltic road oil was adopted on the motion of Councilman Richey. The City Engineer stated that the coating would only subject the developer to a 3% increase in cost and would prolong the life of the street surface considerably.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$98,084.47, approved for payment by the City Manager, were allowed on motion of Councilman Preszler.

CHIEF OF
POLICE
RESIGNATION

Mr. Weller officially appraised the City Council of the resignation of the Chief of Police. Mr. Rinn stated that, although he was aware of the powers of the City Manager in the council-manager form of government regarding the selection of a successor, he would like to make the suggestion that an oral board composed of various chiefs of police from other cities be used to screen applicants. Mr. Weller replied that, although plans for the selection and screening of applicants had not yet been formed, he had considered the possibility of utilizing such a board to reduce the number of eligibles to a workable number. He further stated that at the present time he did not believe a written examination would have any practical value.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICATION
USE PERMIT

The application of Mrs. Lydia Mehrer for a Use Permit for a rest home at 225 South Church Street was approved.

PETITION
VACATION
CEDAR ST.
RES. 1687

The request for the vacation of Cedar Street, which had been approved by the Planning Commission, was presented for approval. Councilman Robinson moved the adoption of Resolution 1687 declaring the intention of the City to vacate said street with the provision that the costs of the vacation be borne by those property owners to be benefited by the vacation. The motion carried.

RES. 1681
RES. OF INTENT
43RD ADDITION

The report of the City Planning Commission recommending the acceptance of the petition for the annexation of the 43rd Addition, South of Lodi Avenue and East of Fairmont Avenue, was presented for approval. Resolution No. 1681 declaring the intention of the City to annex said territory and setting July 16, 1952, as the date for the public hearing was adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson.

ORD. 457
SUPT. OF
STREETS

Councilman Preszler moved the adoption of Ordinance 457 designating the City Engineer the Superintendent of Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richey and passed. Ordinance 457 repeals Ordinance 333.

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INTRODUCED
COLLECTION
OF SIDEWALK
ASSESSMENTS

Ordinance 462, entitled "PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY NORTH CHURCH STREET, TURNER ROAD, GRANT AVENUE, AND WEST LOCKEFORD STREET BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR", was introduced. Mr. Max Elson of 501 Falls Avenue requested information regarding the time for the completion of the sidewalks in this area. He stated that there are still some pieces of property upon which the sidewalks have not been completed. He further stated that he has had several complaints from people living in this area. Mr. Weller explained that construction of the sidewalks had been delayed due to weather and oiling conditions, but that the City Engineer would be instructed to look into the matter with the view of completing the project as soon as possible. Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk of 625 North Church Street stated that it was his opinion that the property owners whose sidewalks had been completed should not be compelled to pay the assessments until such time as the sidewalks had been completed throughout the district. Mr. Weller replied that the County required an ordinance before the assessments could be placed on next year's tax rolls and since the deadline for turning in the unpaid assessments was August 1st, it was necessary that this ordinance be introduced at this time. The motion of introduction was seconded and passed.

At 10:30 p.m. Mayor Haskell adjourned the meeting until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 1952.

ATTEST:


HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk